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To: All Arizona Employees

From: State Director

Subject: State Director Guidance for Arizona Land Use Planning Efforts

DD: None

Purpose: Guidelines for achieving consistency in ongoing and future Arizona Land Use Planning efforts.

Background: Recent briefings at the State Office have revealed an inconsistent use of terminology and approaches regarding how Planning Areas are being divided into smaller units to make it easier to work with during the planning process. Additionally, a consistent approach is needed for how we identify and manage areas to maintain wilderness characteristics along with other multiple uses, without making a formal Special Area Designation. Statewide planning meetings were held on October 27-28, 2003, and November 9-10, 2004, the purposes of which were twofold: (1) to agree upon the approach Arizona BLM would take to achieve consistency among ongoing planning efforts, and (2) to agree on how Arizona BLM would implement Instruction Memorandum No. 2003-275 - Change 1, Consideration of Wilderness Characteristics in Land Use Plans. The guidance provided in the attachment is one of the products of these meetings.

Policy/Action: All currently ongoing and future planning efforts must comply with the guidance to achieve consistency in Arizona land use planning presented in the attachment.

Timeframe: This IM is effective immediately.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: None

Budget Impact: None

Contact: If you have any questions, contact Gregg Simmons, State Planning and NEPA Program Lead, at 602-417-9446.

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Attachment

- 1 – [State Director Guidance
Achieving Consistency in AZ Land Use
Planning Efforts](#) (10 pp.)